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here is declining. There are still many cases in the city, but the mortality has not been very high recently. According to the official report of the board of health for the seven days ended June 23, the total death rate was as follows :

June 17, 44 deaths; June 18, 40 deaths; June 19, 24 deaths; June 20, 31 deaths; June 21, 46 deaths; June 22, 39 deaths; June 23, 53 deaths; making a daily average of 39 and a fraction. The normal death rate at this season is about 35 per day.

Hence I feel warranted in assuring the Department that health conditions here now are fairly satisfactory.

I have the honor to remain, dear sir, your obedient servant,

CHAS. P. PRESSLY,

Vice and Deputy Acting Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

JAPAN.

Report of vessels inspected at Yokohama during year 1896-97.

YOKOHAMA, July 1, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, during the year July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897, I have, as sanitary inspector, United States Marine-Hospital Service, inspected 152 ships bound for United States ports, or an average of 1 every two and one-half days. Of this number 80 carried steerage passengers. Of these I inclose a detailed statement showing that, of these vessels, 56 were British, 14 under United States flag, and 10 Japanese, and that, as all passengers already on board, and those destined for way ports, are examined quite as thoroughly as those embarking here for the United States, I have personally inspected 18,552 passengers during the year. If to these are added the crews of all the ships inspected, which will average fully 80 men for each vessel, the total of persons examined amounts to 30,712.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Report of steerage passengers carried on ships bound for United States ports through and from Yokohama, Japan, and individually inspected, from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897.

Date of departure.	Name of ship.	Destination in United States.	Line.	In transit—		From Yokohama—		Total.	Yokohama.
				To U. S. A.	Way.	To U. S. A.	Way.		
1896.									
July 4.....	China.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	P. M.....	228	234	50	79	591	.....
July 14.....	Belgie.....	do.....	O. & O.....	81	551	19	3	654	.....
July 23.....	Peru.....	do.....	P. M.....	40	43	14	34	131	10
Do.....	Victoria.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	P. M.....	61	54	8		123	7
Aug. 1.....	Coptic.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	O. S. N.....	5	184	23		207	19
Aug. 2.....	Altmore.....	Portland via Victoria.....	O. S. N.....	20	5	8		12	.....
Aug. 6.....	Annapdale.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	N. Y. K.....	9	6			34	.....
Aug. 11.....	Mike Maru.....	Seattle via Honolulu.....	P. M.....	44	260	9	260	269	3
Aug. 15.....	Rio de Janeiro.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	P. M.....	28	173	6	173	271	15
Aug. 18.....	Olympia.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	N. P.....	9	8	8	8	55	2
Aug. 23.....	Evandale.....	do.....	P. M.....	220	21	41		38	.....
Aug. 27.....	Peking.....	San Francisco.....	P. M.....	5				261	16
Aug. 29.....	Monmouthshire.....	Portland.....	O. S. N.....	84	224	10	7	325	30
Sept. 5.....	Doric.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	O. & O.....	81	46		31	77	7
Sept. 10.....	Yamaguchi Mar.....	Seattle via Honolulu.....	N. Y. K.....	9	11	8	2	30	23
Sept. 14.....	Braemar.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	P. M.....	122	189	21	16	348	44
Sept. 15.....	China.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	O. & O.....	140	10	10		150	38
Sept. 23.....	Belgie.....	San Francisco.....	N. P.....	42	13	3	1	59	10
Sept. 25.....	Tacoma.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	O. S. N.....	12				12	.....
Sept. 27.....	Mount Lebanon.....	Portland via Victoria.....	P. M.....	38	296	12	221	567	29
Oct. 2.....	Peru.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	O. & O.....	188	685	20	1	894	28
Oct. 10.....	Coptic.....	Portland via Victoria.....	O. S. N.....	80	12	3	2	17	.....
Oct. 13.....	Mount Lebanon.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	P. M.....	33	8	8	39	160	.....
Oct. 15.....	Kiushiu Maru.....	Seattle via Honolulu.....	N. P.....	204	204	5	42	251	7
Do.....	Ettrickdale.....	San Francisco.....	N. Y. K.....			2		2	.....
Oct. 20.....	Rio de Janeiro.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	P. M.....	31	114	14	304	463	6
Do.....	Olympia.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	N. P.....	34	65	9	7	65	.....
Oct. 31.....	Altmore.....	San Francisco.....	O. S. N.....	134	72	1	141	214	.....
Nov. 7.....	Peking.....	Portland via Honolulu and Victoria.....	P. M.....	143	389	36	11	570	21
Nov. 16.....	Sakura Maru.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	O. & O.....	5	27	27		175	22
Nov. 17.....	Macduff.....	Seattle via Honolulu.....	N. Y. K.....	5		3	222	223	.....
Nov. 21.....	China.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	P. M.....	189	269	5	6	16	.....
Nov. 24.....	Monmouthshire.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	P. M.....	13	7	23	3	440	27
Dec. 3.....	Braemar.....	Portland via Victoria.....	O. S. N.....	25	27	11	3	23	.....
Dec. 5.....	Belgie.....	Tacoma via Victoria.....	N. P.....	92	38	12	4	67	.....
Dec. 21.....	Tacoma.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	N. P.....	47	395	18	5	145	6
Dec. 22.....	Coptic.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	N. P.....	102	895	9	7	507	26
Dec. 24.....	Tenshin Maru.....	Seattle via Honolulu.....	N. Y. K.....	49	71	11	299	336	.....
Dec. 31.....	Rio de Janeiro.....	San Francisco via Honolulu.....	P. N.....				129	260	4

Report of steerage passengers carried on ships bound for United States ports, etc.—Continued.

Date of departure.	Name of ship.	Destination in United States.	Line.	In transit—		From Yokohama—		Total.	Landed, Yokohama.
				To U. S. A.	Way.	To U. S. A.	Way.		
1897.									
Jan. 9.	Victoria	Tacoma via Victoria	N. P.	49	39	6	.....	94	1
Jan. 10.	Gaelic	San Francisco	O. & O.	139	.....	9	.....	148	87
Jan. 19.	Peking	San Francisco via Honolulu	P. M.	55	133	19	1	268	7
Jan. 20.	Wakanoura Mar.	Seattle via Victoria	N. Y. K.	.....	.....	1	99	100	.....
Jan. 28.	Doric	San Francisco via Honolulu	O. & O.	82	136	4	1	193	16
Jan. 30.	Olympia	Tacoma via Victoria	N. P.	48	65	11	14	138	.....
Feb. 2	Mount Lebanon	Portland via Victoria	O. S. N.	.....	12	.....	3	15	.....
Feb. 6.	China	San Francisco	P. M.	45	.....	22	.....	67	.....
Feb. 25.	Peru	San Francisco via Honolulu	P. M.	25	132	26	.....	183	19
Mar. 4.	Monmouthshire	Portland via Honolulu	O. S. N.	130	.....	2	.....	132	.....
Mar. 5.	Sakura Maru	Seattle via Honolulu	N. Y. K.	5	232	.....	84	327	.....
Mar. 7.	Coptic	San Francisco	O. & O.	18	18	45	54	127	15
Mar. 9.	Braemar	Tacoma via Victoria	N. P.	39	300	6	29	374	8
Mar. 13.	Rio de Janeiro	San Francisco via Honolulu	P. M.	182	52	36	19	289	1
Mar. 22.	Tacoma	Tacoma via Victoria	O. & O.	86	.....	86	.....	394	23
Mar. 24.	Gaelic	San Francisco via Honolulu	N. Y. K.	220	88	4	.....	12	.....
Mar. 30.	Tenshin Maru	Seattle	N. P.	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mar. 3.	Victoria	Tacoma via Victoria	P. M.	397	68	33	32	500	3
Apr. 3.	Peking	San Francisco	P. M.	174	.....	36	.....	210	19
Apr. 4.	Doric	San Francisco	O. & O.	227	551	45	.....	823	46
Apr. 13.	Pelican	Tacoma via Victoria	N. P.	42	3	7	11	63	.....
Apr. 19.	Olympia	.....do	N. P.	109	53	6	20	188	.....
Apr. 22.	China	San Francisco via Honolulu	P. M.	581	61	40	275	957	42
Apr. 24.	Belgic	.....do	O. & O.	199	314	26	107	646	40
May 4.	Mt. Lebanon	Tacoma via Victoria	N. P.	12	.....	1	.....	13	.....
May 11.	Peru	Tacoma via Victoria	P. M.	104	190	30	.....	333	17
May 14.	Pathan	San Francisco via Honolulu	N. P.	12	.....	.....	.....	12	.....
May 17.	Yamaguchi Mar.	Seattle	N. Y. K.	.....	.....	2	.....	2	11
May 18.	Coptic	San Francisco via Honolulu	O. & O.	215	538	.....	.....	756	68
May 22.	Monmouthshire	Portland via Victoria	N. P.	53	51	9	27	140	.....
May 24.	Braemar	Tacoma via Victoria	O. S. N.	8	7	.....	129	138	1
May 29.	Rio de Janeiro	San Francisco	N. P.	180	.....	42	.....	222	25
June 1.	Tacoma	Tacoma via Victoria	N. P.	110	25	.....	.....	145	3
June 7.	Gaelic	San Francisco via Honolulu	O. & O.	239	272	1	2	574	31
June 10.	Peking	Tacoma via Victoria	N. P.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 12.	Matsuyama Mar.	Seattle	P. M.	185	218	53	14	420	12
June 20.	Pelican	San Francisco	N. Y. K.	13	29	2	70	112	7
June 25.	Doric	San Francisco	O. & O.	183	.....	20	.....	203	19
June 27.				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June 29.				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total				6,561	7,808	1,129	3,054	18,552	906